Governments from time to time to give more focused attention to improving the administration of the criminal justice system.

Suicide cases of farmers

4888. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY :
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 1000 farmers committed suicide in the last five years;

(b) the role played by the National Human Rights Commission in respect of farmers' committing suicide in several States;

(c) whether adequate compensation to the bereaved families was paid; and

(d) the role played by Government to ensure that human rights were not violated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) and (b) No specific information regarding farmers committing suicide is available. However, as per information received from the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), it had received four complaints from the State of Andhra Pradesh (three in the year 1997-98 and one in 2001-2002) expressing concern over the suicides committed by farmers in the State of Andhra Pradesh on account of alleged State negligence and failure to implement its policies. The cases relating to the year 1997-98 have been closed by the Commission after considering the reports of the State authorities. The Commission had also received complaints from the State of Karnataka in the year 2002-2003 and had called for a report from the State authorities. The Commission will, after considering the report of the State Government, make appropriate recommendations in accordance with the provisions of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

(c) It is for the concerned State Governments to consider payment of compensation to the bereaved families if found appropriate.

(d) The Central Government has issued advisories from time to time to all State Governments to avoid violation of human rights. Since, law and order is a State subject it is for the State Government to take appropriate action to prevent incidents of violation of human rights.

Declaration of results in UPSC

† 4889. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure adopted to declare results of the candidates selected through interview by UPSC;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the reasons for not declaring results after the interview by the Commission after the pronouncement of verdicts in the High Courts; and

(c) whether suspicion and corruption develop with the delay in declaring result and the steps Government would take to bring the transparency in the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) The procedure adopted by the Commission is to declare the results of candidates selected through interviews through a recommendation letter to the concerned Department/Ministry giving details of the recommended candidate(s) for the specified post(s). Normally, such letter is sent within a week of conclusion of interviews. Besides this, the results are also intimated to the concerned candidate(s) through registered post within a week's time after the interviews are over. The same are also simultaneously put on the Commission's website and subsequently published in the 'Employment News'/ 'Rozgar Samachar' every 2nd and 4th week of the month alongwith the Commission's Advertisement for the direct recruitment cases.

(b) Where the process of filling up of any post through interview by the Commission is stayed by any Hon. Court/High Court, the same is declared as soon as possible as per the verdict of the concerned court.

(c) As there is normally no delay in declaration of result, there is no question of development of suspicion or corruption. Moreover, putting the results on the Commission's website as also publishing the same in 'Employment News/ 'Rozgar Samachar' every 2nd and 4th week of the month lends a great deal of transparency to the system.

Boom in gold mining

4890. SHRI B.J. PANDA :
MISS MABEL REBELLO :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the media reports captioned "Australian firm caught in lure of Indian gold";

(b) whether we are heading towards gold mining boom with foreign assistance;

(c) if so, details of the potential as per the estimates of Geological Survey of India;

(d) whether we lack in mining techniques and depend on foreign agencies; and

(e) if so, what are our handicaps and shortcomings and when we would be able to overcome these?